Granting L.P.G. Agencies to Women

7801. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of women L.P.G. agents in the country as on date;

(b) whether there are any special exceptions in the appointment of agencies run by women to gear up professional representation of women;

(c) whether educational dropout women would be considered for these agencies; and

(d) what is the liberalised view of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) As on 1.6.1994, 780 LPG distributorships were being operated by women all over the country either on proprietorship basis or partnership basis.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) As per present policy for dealer selection, there is no separate reservation for women. They can also apply in response to the advertisements if they meet the eligibility criteria.

Allotment of LPG Connections in Orissa

7802. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that against 63.31 lakh households in the State of Orissa supply of L.P.G. connection is only 4% ; and

(b) what steps Government intend to take to cover 1.80 lakh consumers i.e. about 3% households who are in the waiting list for LPG connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Allotment of new gas connections is not made on State-wise basis. New LPG connections are released depending on total new customer enrolment at country level, slack available with distributors in the State, waiting lists and product availability. Efforts are, however, constantly on to release LPG connections to as many applicants and as early as possible. Plans have been drawn for higher availability of LPG by increasing the capacity of existing produciton sources, putting up new plants and augmenting the supply through higher imports.

OIL Spillage in Coastal Andhra Pradesh

7803. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about a week ago there was a major oil spill in coastal Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the measures taken to contain the spillage and estimated loss of marine life, loss in terms of price of oil as well as fishing operations by fishermen; and

(c) what steps Government have so far taken, with results thereof and steps Government propose to take to avoid recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

बिहार में पेट्रोल और रसोई गैस के लिए एजेंसी

7804. श्री रामदेव भंडारी: क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) बिहार के उन शहरों/गांवों तथा जिलों के नाम क्या हैं जहां रसोई गैस और पेट्रोल की खुदरा बिक्री और वितरण के लिए एजेंसी/केन्द्र खोले जाने का प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है;

(ख) इस संबंध में नवीनतम स्थिति क्या है; और